

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 263 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to conduct interdisciplinary assessments of inmates for developing offender reentry plans and determining the appropriate treatment, services, and programming for inmates re-entering society. While I appreciate and share the author's interest in reducing the recidivism rate in California, this bill is unnecessary and could interfere with CDCR's current reforms.

Earlier this year I signed Assembly Bill 900, the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007. AB 900 requires the CDCR to conduct assessments of all inmates and the data from these assessments will be used to place inmates in programs that will aid in their reentry to society.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger